

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of claims: ✓

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A pre-assembled article of manufacture for reducing water and ice damage on an edge of a roof, ~~wherein the article of manufacture is assembled prior to assembly to roof rafters~~, comprising:

a sheathing panel ~~for assembling on the roof rafters~~ having longitudinal edges, a first face and a second face;

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a vapor, water and ice resistant layer ~~having a first side and a second side, the second side having a plastic film covering an adhesive backing;~~

~~means for removing the plastic film to expose the adhesive backing; and~~

~~means for assembling the vapor, water and ice resistant layer to the sheathing panel, wherein the second side of the vapor, water and ice resistant layer having the adhesive backing is placed onto the first face of sheathing panel before assembly of the sheathing panel to the roof rafters forming an assembly~~

secured to one face of the sheathing panel during manufacture of the article, said layer being secured at one longitudinal edge of said sheathing panel and extending completely along said one longitudinal edge and no further; and

the vapor, water and ice resistant layer being constructed of a material that seals around fasteners passing through said layer and said sheathing panel to secure the same in place on roof rafters.

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11. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture for reducing water and ice damage on an edge of a roof ~~a roof, wherein the article of manufacture is assembled prior to assembly to roof rafters~~ according to claim 9, wherein the vapor, water and ice resistant layer completely covers the first face of the sheathing panel.

12. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture for reducing water and ice damage on an edge of a roof ~~a roof, wherein the article of manufacture is assembled prior to assembly to roof rafters~~ according to claim 9, wherein the vapor, water and ice resistant layer covers approximately three-fourths of the first face of the sheathing panel.

13-23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) The article of manufacture for reducing water and ice damage on an edge of a roof according to claim 9, further comprising adhesive means for securing said vapor, water and ice resistant layer to said sheathing panel.

25. (New) The article of manufacture for reducing water and ice damage on an edge of a roof according to claim 9, wherein said vapor, water and ice resistant layer is sprayed onto said sheathing panel

26. (New) In a roofing system having roof rafters, a sheathing panel assembled to the roof rafters, and a plurality of shingles operatively connected to the sheathing panel on the opposite side of the roof rafters, the improvement comprising a vapor, water and ice resistant layer being securely attached to the sheathing panel prior to assembling the sheathing panel to the roof rafters, said vapor, water, and ice resistant layer covering at least a portion of the sheathing panel.

27. (New). The improved roofing system of claim 26, wherein the vapor, water and ice resistant layer covers approximately three-fourths of the sheathing panel.

28. (New) The improved roofing system of claim 26, wherein the vapor, water and ice resistant layer substantially covers the sheathing panel.

29. (New). The improved roofing system of claim 26, wherein the sheathing panel is made of plywood.

30. (New) The improved roofing system of claim 26, wherein the sheathing panel and the vapor, water and ice resistant layer are aligned along their longitudinal edges.

31. (New) In a roofing system having roof rafters, a sheathing panel assembled to the roof rafters, and a plurality of shingles operatively connected to the sheathing panel on the opposite side of the roof rafters, the improvement comprising a vapor, water and ice resistant layer being securely attached to the sheathing panel prior to assembling the sheathing panel to the roof rafters, said vapor, water, and ice resistant layer covering at least a portion of the sheathing panel, and an adhesive layer intermediate the sheathing panel and the vapor, water, and ice resistant layer.

32. (New). The improved roofing system of claim 31, wherein the vapor, water and ice resistant layer covers approximately three-fourths of the sheathing panel.

33. (New) The improved roofing system of claim 31, wherein the vapor, water and ice resistant layer substantially covers the sheathing panel.

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34. (New). The improved roofing system of claim 31, wherein the sheathing panel is made of plywood.

35. (New) The improved roofing system of claim 31, wherein the sheathing panel and the vapor, water and ice resistant layer are aligned along their longitudinal edges.

36. (New) In a roofing system having roof rafters, a plywood sheathing panel assembled to the roof rafters, and a plurality of shingles operatively connected to the plywood sheathing panel on the opposite side of the roof rafters, the improvement comprising a vapor, water and ice resistant layer being securely attached to the sheathing panel prior to assembling the plywood sheathing panel to the roof rafters, said vapor, water, and ice resistant layer covering at least three-fourths of the sheathing panel, and an adhesive layer intermediate the plywood sheathing panel and the vapor, water, and ice resistant layer.